Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1822.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, in Boston, on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, A. L. 5822.

PRESENT:

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Rev. and E. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM,	Grand Chaplain.
E. THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE. ,	Grand Steward.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., .	" "
" JOHN SCOTT, , . .	" "
" WM. EATON, . . .	Grand Tyler.
M.E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP, . .	Past Dep. Gr. High Priest.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. John's, Washington, Morning Star, Rising Sun, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Thomas.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and accepted, and E. Comp. Henry Fowle was appointed a Committee on the subject of Franklin Chapter.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Committee of Finance, in pursuance of the duty assigned them by their appointment at the last annual meeting, have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them in correct order, rightly cast and properly avouched.

The Grand Treasurer has received, in the past year, (including the balance on hand, of old account,)	$1344 27
He has paid sundry bills, amounting to . .	430 83
Leaving a balance in his hands, due the Grand Chapter,	$913 44

The sums received are as follows:

Balance of old account . . .	$763 77
St. Paul's Chapter, ...	101 00
Mount Zion, ...	51 00
King Cyrus, ...	21 00
St. John's, ...	24 00
St. Andrew's, ...	38 00
Rising Sun, ...	22 50
King Hiram's, ...	35 00
Adoniram, ...	34 50
Washington, ...	21 50
King Solomon's, ...	22 00
Jerusalem, ...	23 00
New Jerusalem, ...	62 00
Morning Star, ...	15 00
Dispensation for new Chapter, . .	110 00
	$1344 27

By the above statement it appears, that all the Chapters, under this jurisdiction, have made regular returns up to Sept. 1821 inclusive, excepting Franklin Chapter situated in Greenfield, from which no return has ever been received, but the Grand Treasurer has received from said Franklin Chapter one hundred and eleven dollars, which he has credited the Grand Chapter in a former account. The Committee further report, on this subject, that there has never been received by the Grand Chapter any information of the installation of said Franklin Chapter, although a regular commission was issued for that purpose. They therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to take the whole subject of the Franklin Chapter into consideration, and report thereon.

On reviewing the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's books and accounts, the Committee are highly gratified with the manner in which the services of those meritorious officers have been performed; and would cheerfully recommend a handsome compensation therefor, if consistent with the ability of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Treasurer, however, as usual, declines any; and is entitled to the thanks of his companions. The Grand Secretary, as a small compensation for his arduous duty is, in the opinion of your Committee, entitled to the sum of forty dollars, which sum they recommend to be paid him from the Treasury.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Boston, Sept. 10, 1822. HENRY FOWLE, *Chairman.*

Committee on the communication from the Grand Chapter of Maine, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them. A copy of their answer was read and accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of modifying one of the duties of Royal Arch Masons, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the 13th article of the Regulations reported as in June last, which report was accepted and the

article so amended as to be in accordance with the fourth section of the third article of the General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on the communication from Porto Rico, reported as follows, which being accepted, E. and Rev. Comp. Paul Dean, was appointed a Committee to present the papers to the M. W. Grand Lodge.

M.E. Companion, Grand High Priest
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Your Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Island of Porto Rico, have attended to that duty so far as to procure a translation of the letter, by which it appears that the paper was intended for the M. W. Grand Lodge, and not for this Grand Chapter. They recommend that the papers be passed to the Grand Lodge for their disposition.

Respectfully submitted by

PAUL DEAN,
HENRY FOWLE, } *Committee.*

Committee on 14th article of Regulations reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A communication from St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter notifying the rejection of Thomas Britton by said Chapter on his application for the degrees, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The following report of the Committee on the subject of the Chapters in Maine, &c., was read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject respecting the Chapters in Maine, have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report,

That according to the correspondence between companions of several of those Chapters and Comp. Fowle, it appears, that Jerusalem Chapter at Hallowell, has made regular returns and paid all their dues to this Grand Chapter, up to the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Montgomery Chapter at Bath, have "inadvertently" sent their returns and dues, amounting to $11.33, to the Grand Chapter of Maine.

New Jerusalem Chapter at Wiscasset, have made their returns and paid their dues to this Grand Chapter.

Mount Vernon Chapter at Portland, have made no returns and paid no dues since 1819.

It appears also by the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine, that at a meeting held at Portland, Jan. 11th, 1822, "M.E. Comps. Dunlap, Coffin, and Child, were appointed a Committee to address the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, requesting them to assign to the Grand Chapter of Maine, a just proportion of the funds belonging to them at the time of their separation."

In a letter from M.E. Comp. Coffin to Comp. Fowle, he informs him of his appointment for the above purpose, and is of opinion that a portion of the funds should be assigned them.

On this subject your Committee would observe, that, excepting the fees for their Charters, the Chapters in Maine have contributed but a very small portion to the funds, the amount of which was about $700, at the time or a little before the separation occurred, all, or very nearly the whole of which was expended in repairing the losses occasioned by the burning of the late hall, and paying our proportion of the expenses of fitting up the present hall; besides, the Grand Chapter had voted to procure a plate for a new diploma and it was judged it would be necessary to borrow money to accomplish that object.

Taking all things into consideration, your Committee are of opinion, that the Grand Chapter of Maine are not entitled to any part of the present small funds of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee, however recommend, that this Grand Chapter do relinquish to the Grand Chapter of Maine all the money, which at the time of separation was due to this Grand Chapter from Montgomery and Mount Vernon Chapters, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the said Chapters requesting them to pay said money to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Boston, 10th Sept. 1822. HENRY FOWLE, per order.

The Committee on diplomas reported progress, and presented a new design, which was approved, and the Committee had leave to sit again.

Voted, That E. Comps. Samuel L. Knapp, Henry Fowle, Paul Dean, John J. Loring, and John Howe, be a Committee to investigate the date of the origin of Royal Arch Masonry to be inserted in the diplomas.

A report of a convention of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comp. John Howe, who had been duly elected High Priest of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter in Boston, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

At the request of the officers, &c., of Thomas Chapter at Princeton, it was voted that the Grand High Priest be authorized to extend the dispensation to said Chapter until the 24th day of June next.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Committee on diplomas be authorized to procure such quantity of parchment as shall be necessary for accommodating the several Chapters with diplomas, to have the same printed and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for funds for that purpose.

On motion, *Voted*, That sixty dollars be appropriated for the ensuing year by this Grand Chapter for the purposes of charity, and E. Comps. Roulstone, Purkett, and D. Baxter, Jr., be a Committee to unite with the general charitable Committee in the city of Boston, in the distribution of this sum.

The following motion by E. Comp. John Howe was read, viz:

Whereas by the 11th and 21st articles of the Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, it is not only prescribed, but made imperative, that in case of the absence of the three first officers of Subordinate Chapters, or the absence of either of them, they shall be represented by their respective proxies. And whereas no particular form is laid down for the appointment of proxies, therefore moved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable form for that purpose, and report the same to the Grand Chapter, and after being accepted by them, five hundred copies of the same be printed and a sufficient number thereof delivered to the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the foregoing motion be accepted, and E. Comps. John Howe, Paul Dean, and Samuel L. Knapp, were appointed the Committee to draft a form; they having attended to the duty assigned them, reported the following, which was accepted by the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Secretary was directed to procure five hundred copies to be printed and distributed, and the Grand Treasurer was authorized to pay the expense of the same.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

BE IT KNOWN, That pursuant to the authority given me by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I do, by these presents, constitute and appoint Companion of to represent me in the meeting of said Grand Chapter to be holden at on the day of

Confirming the acts of said Companion, in his capacity aforesaid I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day of A. L. 58

The time having arrived for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Chapter resolved themselves into a committee of the whole—M.E. Sam'l L. Knapp in the chair. Comps. Henry Purkett, Samuel Clark, and John Scott, were appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the vote.

M.E. Comp. JONATHAN GAGE, Esq., of Newburyport, was unanimously re-elected Grand High Priest, and being informed thereof by a Committee consisting of E. Comps. Fowle, Bascom, and Sprague, he accepted, and was introduced.

The other officers were then ballotted for, and the following companions were elected, viz:

E. Comp.	CALEB BUTLER of Groton,	Grand King.
" "	DANIEL BAXTER of Boston,	Grand Scribe.
" "	THOMAS P. JACKSON of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	JOHN J. LORING of Boston,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

E. Comp. Daniel Baxter was installed as Grand Scribe, and the re-elected officers were sworn to a faithful discharge of their several duties.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. Samuel L. Knapp, for his services as chairman of the committee of the whole, and to the Committee for counting and declaring the votes.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be also presented to E. Comp. Roswell Lee, for his services as Grand Scribe the year past.

The following appointments were then made, and the officers present were regularly installed.

E. and Rev.	PAUL DEAN,	Dep. G. High Priest
E. Comp.	WILLIAM BARRY,	Grand Marshal.
E. and Rev.	ASA EATON,	Grand Chaplain.
" "	E. L. BASCOM,	" "
" "	SAMUEL OSGOOD,	" "
Comp.	MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Steward.
"	DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	" "
"	JOHN SCOTT,	" "
"	JOSEPH T. PIKE,	" "
"	STEPHEN S. HODGE,	Gr. Inside Sentinel.
"	WILLIAM EATON,	Grand Tyler.
"	JOSEPH CURRIER,	" "
E. Comp.	HENRY FOWLE,	Committee of Finance.
" "	HENRY PURKETT,	
" "	ROBERT LASH,	

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true abstract of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 10, A. L. 5822.

PRESENT:

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" CALEB BUTLER, . .	Grand King.
" DANIEL BAXTER, . .	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN R. COTTING, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
E. WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Steward.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., .	" "
" WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.—M.E. JOHN ABBOT, E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP, E. HENRY PURKETT.

Visiter.—M.E. J. H. Cotting, Grand High Priest of Vermont.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Solomon's, Washington, Adoniram, St. Paul's, and Mt. Zion

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on diplomas reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

MASON'S HALL, Dec. 10, 1822.

The Committee to whom was delegated the task of ascertaining with accuracy, a definite date for the Royal Arch Diplomas, beg leave to state, that considering the obscurity which rests upon the actual date of the seventh degree, and considering likewise that if the real date were ascertained, it would only be *ipso facto*, a continuation of Free Masonry in its several stages, do report that it is advisable that the Arch Diplomas bear the same date as those of Masonry, viz: A. L. 582 .

In behalf of the Committee,

J. HOWE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the subject of Franklin Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee on the 14th article of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Grand Secretary reported that in compliance with a vote passed at the last annual meeting, he had procured the number of blank commissions of proxy as directed, and that they were ready for delivery.

E. Comp. Caleb Butler, who was re-elected at the last meeting to the office of Grand King, was sworn to a faithful discharge of the duty thereof.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, June 10th, A. L. 5823.

PRESENT:

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" DANIEL BAXTER, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. JOHN R. COTTING,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
E. WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand Tyler.
E. ROBERT LASH, . .	Past Grand Scribe.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Solomon's, Washington, Rising Sun, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Thomas.

Opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on diplomas reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

On motion, *Voted*, That the notices of the future meetings of this Grand Chapter, be published in the Columbian Centinel, the Boston Patriot, and the New England Galaxy.

A petition from several companions at Worcester, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in said town, by the name of Worcester Chapter, was read, and referred to E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Henry Purkett, and John Howe, who having attended to the duty assigned them, reported as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition of several companions in the town of Worcester, for the establishment of a Chapter in the town of Worcester, by the name of Worcester Chapter, beg leave to report, that although they conceive the petitioners every way worthy of having their request granted, yet in their opinion, the petition is not formally supported in a manner required by the 7th section of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted whenever they shall produce a recommendation in form, from the nearest Chapter, approbating their petition, and that whenever this is done, the Grand High Priest be requested to issue a warrant of dispensation.

HENRY FOWLE.
HENRY PURKETT.
JOHN HOWE. } *Committee.*

Read and accepted.

The Committee on the 14th article of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again, and they were particularly requested to make a final report at the next annual meeting.

A communication from a convocation of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on E. Comp. Abraham A. Dame, who had been regularly chosen to preside over St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter in Boston, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Voted, That Jonathan G. Johnson, Benjamin Whitmore, and Charles Hodge, be a Committee to provide a dinner for this Grand Chapter, and the representatives of Subordinate Chapters, at the annual Communication in September next.

The Committee on the subject of Franklin Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A communication from St. Paul's Chapter, stating their unanimous rejection of Brother John Thompson, for the degrees, was read and placed on file.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Princeton, in the county of Worcester, June 24, A. L. 5823, for the purpose of dedicating and installing the officers of Thomas Chapter.

PRESENT:

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" CALEB BUTLER,	Grand King.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" BENJAMIN SMITH,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
E. WILLIAM BARRY,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. and E. JAMES THOMPSON,	Grand Chaplain.
E. ABM. A. DAME,	Grand R. A. Captain.
Comp. JAMES LEWIS,	Grand Captain of Host.
" ASA RAYMOND,	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" WILLIAM WEIR,	Grand Masters of Vails.
" J. V. C. SMITH,	
" WILLIAM BRAZER,	
" MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Stewards.
" SEWALL FISKE,	
" DAVID CHILD,	Bearer of Great Lights.
" ——— WATSON,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the following commission and report were read, viz:

To our E. Comps. A. A. DAME,
MICHAEL ROULSTONE, and ASA RAYMOND:

You are hereby appointed a Committee to examine Thomas Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. You will, therefore, proceed to Princeton, and in open Chapter, examine the by-laws, records, work, and lectures of said Thomas Chapter, and make a report to me of your doings, at or before 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 24th instant.

Done at Newburyport, this 20th day of June, 1823.

JONATHAN GAGE,
Grand High Priest.

To M.E. JONATHAN GAGE, Esq., *Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

The undersigned, the Committee whom you were pleased to appoint to examine Thomas Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in relation to the by-laws, records, work, and lectures of said Chapter, have attended to that duty, and respectfully beg leave to report:

That they find the by-laws of said Chapter, in conformity with the Laws and Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of this Commonwealth. They find, however, in one of the articles of their said by-laws, a provision, "that should there be but one ballot against a candidate for the degrees in said Chapter, that the person so negativing said candidate, shall before the High Priest, King and Scribe of said Chapter sitting in secret council, state his reasons for so negativing said candidate, and that the said High Priest, King and Scribe shall judge of the validity of such objection"—which said provision, your said Committee are unadvised whether it is, or is not in conformity with the Laws and Constitutions of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of this Commonwealth.

The records of Thomas Chapter are accurately and elegantly made, and parts of lectures given by them on the Mark and Roya Arch degrees deserve great commendation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Per order, ABRAHAM A. DAME, *Chairman.*

Princeton, June 24, A. L. 5823.

The above report was accepted, and it was *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to consecrate Thomas Chapter and install its officers, and the Grand High Priest was requested to direct said Chapter to cause to be expunged from their by-laws the article alluded to by the Committee, relative to the rejection of candidates—the said article being contrary to the ancient customs and usages in every degree of Freemasonry.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the meeting house, where the ceremonies of consecration were performed in a solemn and impressive manner, and the following companions were installed in ancient form by their corresponding Grand Officers.

M.E. SAMUEL CLARKE, . .	High Priest, by his proxy, M.E. James Lewis, Jr.
E. TIMOTHY WHITING, . .	King.
" MOSES THOMAS, . .	Scribe.
Comp. JOHN WHITNEY, . .	Treasurer.
" ALEXANDER DUSTIN, .	Secretary.
Rev. ELISHA ANDREWS, . .	Chaplain.
Comp. NAHUM RICE, . .	Royal Arch Captain.
" JOHN G. DAVIS, . .	Captain of Host.
" CHARLES RUSSELL, .	Principal Sojourner.
" CLARK MIRICK, . }	Masters of Vails.
" WILLIAM HOWE, . }	
" WILLIAM DAVIS, . }	

Comp. ISAAC BASSETT, . }	Stewards.
" JOEL PRATT, . . }	
" JONATHAN BAILEY, .	Tyler.

The Grand Chapter having returned to their room, closed in due form, after parts of the Mark and Royal Arch lectures had been recited.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston, }	*Established previously*
KING CYRUS, Newburyport, }	*to the Grand Chapter.*
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	Charter dated 5803
KING SOLOMON'S, Charlton,	do. 5805
WASHINGTON, Salem,	do. 5811
KING HIRAM'S, Greenwich,	do. 5815
ADONIRAM, Attleborough,	do. 5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do. 5817
FRANKLIN, Greenfield,	do. 5817
RISING SUN, Nantucket,	do. 5818
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do. 5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do. 5820
THOMAS, Princeton,	do. 5821

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to JOHN J. LORING, Grand Secretary, Boston.